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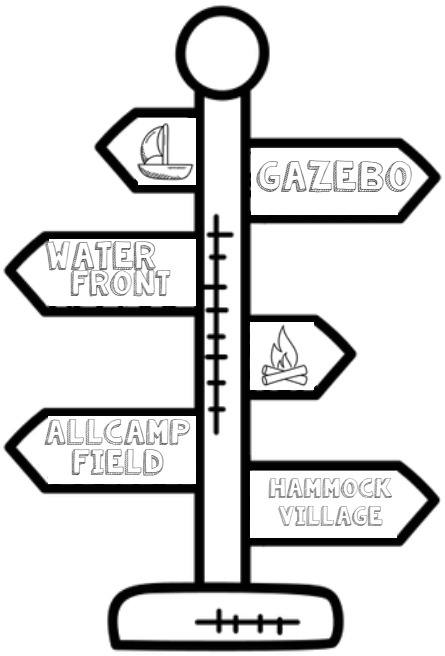
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

DAY CAMP HANDBOOK



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Whether you are a new or returning Quinipet family, we welcome you!

Camp on an island is just as much fun as it sounds! Since 1947, the NY Conference of The United Methodist Church has provided this special place for children, complete with a full program of land and waterfront activities fostering children's confidence, cooperative skills and connection to the natural world. In this setting, it's easy for campers to make friends, feel accepted and learn of God's love for us. Children of every faith are welcome.

This Day Camp Handbook will provide you and your camper with all kinds of great and important information about Camp at Quinipet. Use this Handbook and follow us on social media (@quinipet) where we post all about Quinipet!

Preparing for Camp means becoming familiar with **CampInTouch**. You created your CampInTouch account when you completed the camper application. You can easily log back in to your account via quinipet.org by clicking on "Returning Family Log In" or access the portal directly at quinipet.campintouch.com

Your CampInTouch homepage is your direct link to all of your camper's required medical and permission forms, packing list, financial information and camper accounts. CampInTouch can also be accessed via the Campanion smartphone app. (See page 4)

WELCOME TO QUINIPET'S 79th SUMMER SEASON!

2026 SATURDAY OPEN HOUSES	CRITICAL DUE DATE
FEB 21, MARCH 21 & APRIL 11 In-person at Quinipet. 2:00-4:00 pm. No registration needed. No pets allowed.	MAY 15, 2026: ALL FORMS & FINAL PAYMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN FULL*

*** CAMPERS MISSING ANY FORMS OR PAYMENTS AFTER MAY 15th WILL BE MOVED TO THE WAITLIST. SEE PAGES 4 AND 9 FOR MORE INFORMATION.***

GENERAL

CONTACT THE CAMP OFFICE:

Office email: quinipet@nyac.com
Telephone: 631.749.0430
E-Fax: 631.749.3403
Address: 99 Shore Road #549
Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965

GETTING TO SHELTER ISLAND

Beautiful Shelter Island is located on the East End of Long Island, NY and accessible by ferry from either the North Fork (Greenport) or South Fork (Sag Harbor). Both ferry companies do not take reservations (simply roll-on) and are cash-only. For updated pricing and please visit their respective websites: northferry.com and southferry.com.

For detailed driving directions, please visit Quinipet's website at *quinipet.org/directions*.

DAY CAMP TRANSPORTATION FROM GREENPORT (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

We are offering Day Camp transportation from the Greenport ferry, Monday-Friday. Quinipet camp staff will meet families by the Carousel promptly at 8:30 am and "walk across" with campers on the ferry. Quinipet staff and campers will travel by camp van to Quinipet for the day. Campers and staff will meet parents back at the Carousel in Greenport by 4:15 pm. Transportation is available for children that do not need a car seat. **$50 per camper/week.**

Spaces are limited. Advance registration required.

GENERAL

ACCREDITATIONS

Quinipetis proudto be accredited by the American Camp Association, a community of camp professionals dedicated to safe, quality camp experiences. The American Camp Association collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure reseach-based best practices. As an accredited camp, we undergo ACA's comprehensive review of our operation, from staff qualifications to emergency management.

In addition to ACA accreditation, Quinipet is licensed by the New York State Department of Health.

RELIGIOUS FOUNDATION

Quinipet is a progressive Christian camp owned and operated by the New York Conference of The United Methodist Church since 1947. It is our belief that God gave us earth and humankind, and it is our job as loving, faithful Christians to love and care for each of these things. Our hope is that each camper will grow, not only by new experiences, but in their spiritual walk with God as well. Centering our space around the five rocks of Courage, Love, Faith, Humility and Honesty, Quinipet is an ideal environment for inner spiritual reflection.

Each day begins with a short Morning Gathering where campers participate in songs and prayer. Grace is sung before lunch "camp style." Quinipet is a community that is open and affirming to all who come. To learn more about The 7 Foundations of the United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministry visit ***umcrm.camp/about/our-beliefs***

PLAN A VISIT

2026 SATURDAY OPEN HOUSES

FEB 21, MARCH 21 & APRIL 11

In-person at Quinipet, 2:00-4:00 pm
No registration needed.
No pets allowed.

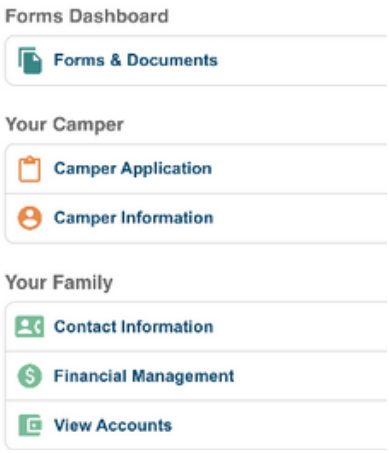
Visiting Quinipet ahead of time for an Open House is a great way for first-time campers to get to become familiar with Camp. We also offer guided tours at your convenience. *Please email or call ahead to schedule a private tour*.

CAMPER-TO-COUNSELOR RATIO

Quinipet meets and exceeds New York State and American Camp Association standards for camper-to-staff ratio. These ratios vary based on the age of the children, but at Day Camp this ratio is typically 5 campers to every 1 counselor, in addition to many other support staff members.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

REQUIRED FORMS & YOUR CAMP-IN-TOUCH ACCOUNT



When you completed the Camp application, you created a CampInTouch account using your email and a password of your selection. You will receive a confirmation email once enrolled. At that time you can log back into your account by visiting *quinipet.org* and clicking on the "*Returning Family Log In*" button. All required Camper Forms are listed within the "Forms & Documents" link on your CampInTouch account home page. Some of the forms are completed online, some forms require downloading, completion and then uploading back into your account. This can be done on a computer via your CampInTouch account or by using the new "Campanion" App detailed below. If you are having trouble accessing your account, please call the office for help retrieving a reset password link: (631)749-0430.

These REQUIRED FORMS include, but are not limited to:

> 2026 QUINIPET CAMPER HEALTH FORM***
(***Requires Physician stamp AND Signature***)

> ONLINE MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

> IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

> 2026 CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

CAMPERS MISSING ANY FORMS OR PAYMENTS AFTER MAY 15th WILL BE MOVED TO THE WAITLIST.

***We cannot accept a copy of a school physical in lieu of the Camper Health Form.**

THE "CAMPANION" APP!

We know filling out and uploading forms to your CampInTouch account can been a bit tricky using your phone so we are excited to introduce the Campanion App to our camp families! The Campanion App is free to use and allows parents to easily fill out online forms as well as scan and upload physical forms straight through the App. Scan the QR code here with your iPhone or Android device to download Campanion!

NO CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones at camp are prohibited. We believe that camp is one of the last places where kids are free to play, socialize and explore without the distraction and influence of technology. Studies show that taking a break (even if just for a week) from screens, social media and texting is extremely beneficial in child and adolescent development.

By signing our required "Code of Conduct,"parents and campers are pledging to keep cell phones out of camp. If a camper is found to have a phone, it will be confiscated and kept in the office.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

DAY CAMP / COMMUNITY SAILING CHECK-IN

Each camp session begins on Monday morning at Wesley Hall in the center of Quinipet. Designated Check-In times are assigned alphabetically by ***camper last name*** to ensure a smooth, unrushed experience.

Last names beginning with:
A through M check-in at 8:30 am
N through Z check-in at 8:45 am

Campers should have their belongings for the day packed in a school-size backpack. Please see the Packing List for both required and recommended items for each day. We encourage families to keep "good byes" brief to allow the new campers to get to know one another independently with their counselors.

Should a day camper require medication or other medical/physical accommodations while at camp, parents will have then have the opportunity to meet with the Camp Nurse on site for the session.

DAY CAMP DROP OFF & PICK UP

After Monday morning, Day Camp drop off takes place just inside the entrance to Quinipet by the All-Camp field at 9:00 AM. Please pull into Camp and follow the directives of a staff member into the drop off loop. A staff member will come to your vehicle and escort your campers safely to the field to meet their group. Drivers need to remain in their vehicles.

Similarly, at pick up each day, please drive into the same loop and a staff member will escort your campers to your vehicle. Pick up is at 4:00 PM. Drivers need to remain in their vehicles.

Should you need to pick up your camper early, please contact the Camp Office at (631) 749-0430 to make arrangements.

COMMUNITY SAILING DROP OFF & PICK UP

After Monday morning, AM Community Sailing campers are dropped off in the Day Camp loop and are picked up at the Sailing Barn just outside Quinipet's main entrance on Shore Road. PM Community Sailing campers are dropped off at the Sailing Barn and picked up in the Day Camp loop. AM sailors arrive at 9:00 am and depart at 12:30 pm. PM sailors arrive at 1:00 pm and depart at 4:00 pm.

AUTHORIZED ADULTS

If a camper is being picked up by an adult other than a parent or legal guardian, an "Authorized Adult" release form must be completed authorizing them to pick up the camper. All Authorized Adults must be 18+ years old and will be required to present their driver's license. This release form is located in your CampInTouch account.

CAMP LIFE

Quinipet Day Camp (ages 5-13) has all the spirit and tradition of overnight camp, with activities that take full advantage of our beautiful waterfront camp. A healthy lunch is provided daily in the Dining Hall. Activities are age-appropriate and hands-on, with so much to offer that many campers return week after week!

AGES 5-7

Campers ages 5-7 are in small “family” groups with the same counselor every day. Each day includes a range of shortened, structured activities including art, nature exploration, cooking and non-competitive sports. Our youngest campers go swimming every afternoon and receive Red Cross swim instruction daily, weather-permitting.

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR AGES 5-7

TIME	*ACTIVITY*
9:00 AM	ARRIVAL
9:10 AM	MORNING GATHERING Join the entire camp and get energized for the day!
9:30 AM	ACTIVITY 1 Camper and their counselors experience every area of camp, from nature to sports to art. Activities are led by counselor specialists in that area.
10:10 AM	ACTIVITY 2
10:50 AM	CHANGE/FREE PLAY
11:30 AM	LUNCH
12:20 PM	WATERFRONT Campers head down with their counselors to the Waterfront where our team of Lifeguards supervise swim instruction, free play, beach fun and Corc’ls!
1:30 PM	CHANGE
2:00 PM	ACTIVITY 3
2:40 PM	VISIT CAMP STORE
3:00 PM	FUN ZONE
3:40 PM	PACK FOR HOME
3:50 PM	ALL CAMP FIELD
4:00 PM	PICK UP

AGES 8-13

Older Day Campers have the same full choice as our Overnight Campers! These Day Campers choose activites for the week on their first day. Electives range from robotics to dance to sports. Day campers go swimming every afternoon, weather-permitting.

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR AGES 8-13

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 AM	ARRIVAL
9:10 AM	MORNING GATHERING Join the entire camp and get energized for the day!
9:30 AM	ACTIVITY 1
10:25 AM	MEET @ WESLEY HALL
10:30 AM	ACTIVITY 2
11:20 AM	MEET @ WESLEY HALL
11:30 AM	LUNCH
12:15 PM	GROUP ACTIVITY
1:00 PM	CHANGE
1:20 PM	WATERFRONT Campers head down with their counselors to the Waterfront where our team of Lifeguards supervise swim, free play, beach fun and Corc'ls!
2:20 PM	CHANGE
2:40 PM	FUN ZONE/VISIT CAMP STORE
3:40 PM	PACK FOR HOME
3:50 PM	ALL CAMP FIELD
4:00 PM	PICK UP

DINING

Quinipet is dedicated to serving our campers and staff only fresh, healthy meals in a clean and safe environment.

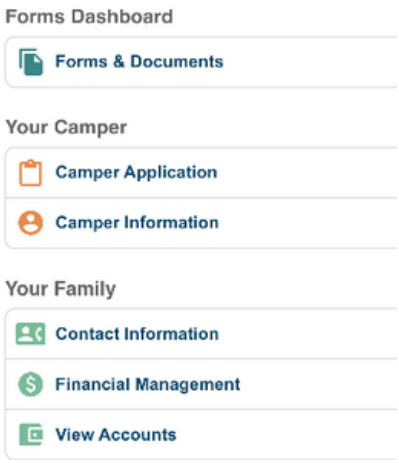
Campers and counselors sit together at meals. Lunch is served daily in our Din- ing Hall. Grace is sung in a fun, "camp style" way before each meal. Quinipet empha- sizes the use of fresh ingredients and offers a wide variety of options over the course of each week. Lunch features a daily hot selection (with vegetarian alternative) served buffet style at the main window, as well as a salad bar offering fresh greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded carrots, beans, tofu, croutons, house-made grain salads and a variety of seasonal produce. Daily sandwich selections are also available upon request, ex: Turkey & Cheese, Sunbutter & Jelly.

Quinipet does not use nuts, or nut products, in any of our recipes. Day campers eat an early lunch and visit the Camp Store in the afternoon so we do not provide snacks. Many campers have serious food allergies, so parents can- not send food to camp.

All allergies and dietary restrictions are recorded by parents completing the required online "Medical History" form in your CampInTouch account.

CAMP STORE

The Camp Store is available to all campers daily. You may add funds to your enrolled camper's account via the CampIn Touch Parent Portal (under "View Accounts") and/or at Check-In. The Camp Store provides a variety of reasonable treats and snacks (nut free), beverages, ice cream, apparel, water bottles & other items. Any unspent money may be donated to our Scholarship Fund or refunded (for $5 or more).



SWIMMING

Day Campers ages 5-7 receive Red Cross swim instruction daily, weather-permitting as an introduction to having fun and staying safe in the water. All other campers must complete a swim check upon arrival at the waterfront to demonstrate their comfort in open, bay water. Our swim check consists swimming (not "dog-paddling") four laps (without stopping) in the deep end of the camp swim area, treading water for 1 minute, and floating on their backs for 1 minute. Campers enrolled in our sailing program must also be able to demonstrate donning a life jacket in deep water.

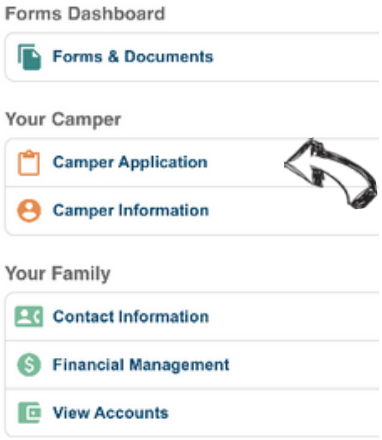
TUBING & WAKE SURFING TRIPS (ADDITIONAL OPTIONS)

Quinipet, along with our trips partner, Peconic Water Sports (PWS), offers additional aquatic experiences for campers in the form of Tubing (ages 7+) and Wake Surfing/ Boarding (ages 9+). Trips require advanced sign up via CampInTouch and are an additonal fee. Each trip is 1 hour on the water. Campers can be enrolled in up to 2 trips per week, and must register prior to their enrolled week. We cannot enroll week of.

Trips are scheduled as the weather permits. Trips do impact a camper's availability to participate in other electives that day(s). Trips that are unable to be scheduled due to weather, or an incomplete swim check, will be refunded.

Trips missed by a camper due to leaving camp early are not refundable. Quinipet pays for PWS's boats to run upfront.

To enroll you camper in 1-2 optional trips, click through the Camper Application' until you see 'Additional Options,' then click through to save the updated application. You can also email the camp office, quinipet@nyac.com or call, 631-749-0430



CAMP PICTURES

At the end of your campers enrolled session, you will receive an email with a link to view all photos from your campers session. Please note, we do not post photos in real-time, and all photos will be shared through a link the following week.

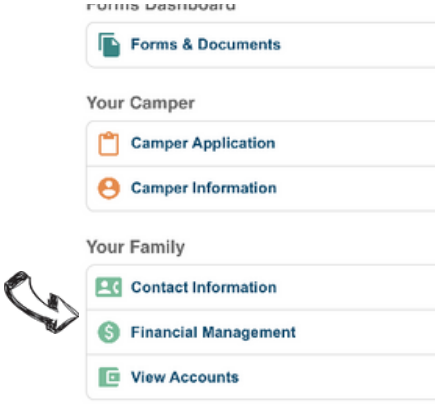
FINANCIAL/MEDICAL

MAKING PAYMENTS

Once the deposit is received and the camper is enrolled, additional payments can be made electronically through your CampInTouch Parent Portal under “Financial Management.” Please note any *credit* card payments are subject to a 3% processing fee. (This fee is not applicable to debit cards).

If you prefer, Automated Payments can be selected through the application.

Payments will occur on the 15th of each month, with last payment on May 15th.



Please make any checks or money orders payable to **Quinipet Camp & Retreat Center**. Be sure to write your camper’s name and session date in the memo area.

Our mailing address is:

Quinipet Camp & Retreat Center
99 Shore Rd #549
Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965

All final payments are due by May 15, 2026.
If registering for camp after May 15th, the full balance is due upon registration. Checks must be in the full amount after May 15th.

*****CAMPERS MISSING ANY FORMS OR PAYMENTS AFTER MAY 15th *WILLBEMOVEDTO THE WAITLIST*.*****

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY

Fees for camp include a non-refundable $100 administrative fee. Refunds cannot be made after May 15th unless accompanied by a physician’s note. **There are no refunds for camp sessions and trip fees due to leaving early.** Please contact the Camp Office with any questions:quinipet@nyac.com or 631.749.0430.

CAMPER HEALTH FORM, IMMUNIZATIONS & ONLINE MEDICAL HISTORY

We are required by New York State to collect the Quinipet Camper Health Form, online Health History and Immunization records ANNUALLY. The Quinipet Camper Health Form needs to be ***signed and stamped by an authorized health provider, as well as signed by a parent or legal guardian***. A doctor’s physical is NOT required. All forms are due by May 15, 2026.

For instructions on how to upload your camper’s forms and documents, please see page 4 of this Handbook.

CAMPERS MISSING THESE FORMS AFTER MAY 15 WILL BE MOVED TO THE WAITLIST

MEDICAL

HEALTH CARE & MEDICAL NOTIFICATION POLICY

Quinipet has a Registered Nurseonsitein the Health Center when camp is in session. Parents will be notified by the Camp Nurse of any treatment required by a physician. A parent or authorized adult is responsible for picking up their child from camp when a physician's care is deemed necessary.
The Nurse at Quinipet may be reached during the summer season at our Health Center in the lower level of the Welcome Center.

Quinipet Nurse/Health Center:
tel: 631.749.0430 | email: quinipet@nyac.com | fax: 631.749.3403

HEALTH INSURANCE

Quinipet does not provide health insurance. Parents are required to provide current health insurance information for their campers on the online "Medical History" form in their CampInTouch account.

SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES & DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Quinipet is a nut-free camp, which is why it is so important that campers not bring food to camp. Parents are asked to clarify specific needs and requests within the online Medical History form in your CampInTouch account. We will work with you to ensure your camper enjoys safe and delicious meals at camp!

TICK PROCEDURES

Staff receive tick prevention training through Southampton Hospital as part of staff training each year. Counselors avoid tick spots with campers. If a tick is found on a camper, it will be removed by the Camp Nurse and the parent is notified.

INSECT REPELLENT

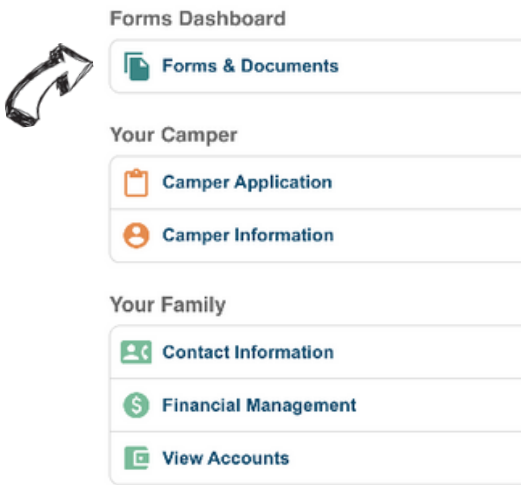
New York State Department of Health requires us to have a permission form for applying bug spray on your camper. This permission form can be found in your CampInTouch Account.

For more resources on ticks, visit *eastendtickresource.org*

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In order to assist as many families as possible, Quinipet offers Camp Scholarships to families in need. To apply, first complete the online registration for camp through CampInTouch. While registering, select “check” as payment type for the cost of camp. This will allow you to complete and submit your camp application without entering an actual payment.



Once you have been notified of your camper’s enrollment, The Scholarship Request Form will be accessible along with the other required forms under “Forms & Documents” in your CampInTouch account.

Scholarship requests are due by April 15th.

Requests submitted after the deadline will be considered if funds are available.

Camp Scholarships are applied to a **single week** of camp, either Overnight or Day Camp. This allows Quinipet to provide the camp experience to as many children as possible.

Contact quinipetoffice@nyac.com or (631)749-0430 with questions.

Scholarships are funded by the generous donations to The Quinipet Scholarship Fund by camp families and community members. To make a donation please contact the camp office or visit us online at quinipet.org/donate-to-quinipet-468636

For Shelter Island Families: The Shelter Island Education Foundation pursues, creates and provides excellent educational opportunities that enhance, inspire and broaden the horizons of our children and the community. Grant applications are typically available on their website in the Spring. shelterislandedfoundation.org

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT QUINIPET THIS SUMMER!